

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-5 and add claims 6-36 as follows:

1.-5. (Canceled)

6. (New) A method for creating a representation of a first object, the first object associated with a first software application, the method comprising:

capturing an image of the first object;

determining a reference to the first object; and

creating a second object, the second object associated with a second software application, the second object comprising the captured image and the determined reference.

7. (New) The method of claim 6, wherein the first object is displayed in the first software application and wherein capturing the image of the first object comprises capturing the image of the first object as displayed in the first software application.

8. (New) The method of claim 7, wherein capturing the image of the first object as displayed in the first software application comprises capturing a screen shot of the first object as displayed in the first software application.

9. (New) The method of claim 6, wherein the first object represents a sound and wherein capturing the image of the first object comprises generating a waveform for the sound represented by the first object.

10. (New) The method of claim 6, wherein the first object represents a plurality of images and wherein capturing the image of the first object comprises capturing one of the plurality of images represented by the first object.

11. (New) The method of claim 10, wherein the first object further represents a sound associated with the plurality of images.

12. (New) The method of claim 6, wherein the first object represents a web page and wherein determining the reference to the first object comprises determining a Uniform Resource Locator (URL) of the web page.

13. (New) The method of claim 6, wherein the first object represents a message and wherein determining the reference to the first object comprises determining a pointer to the message in a messaging system.

14. (New) The method of claim 6, wherein the first object comprises a hypertext link and wherein capturing an image of the first object comprises capturing an image of a web page corresponding to the hypertext link.

15. (New) The method of claim 14, further comprising storing the web page in a memory.

16. (New) The method of claim 14, wherein capturing the image of the web page comprises capturing a screen shot of the web page as displayed in a web browser.

17. (New) The method of claim 6, further comprising storing the first object in a memory and wherein determining the reference to the first object comprises producing a pointer to the first object in the memory.

18. (New) The method of claim 6, further comprising prior to capturing the image of the first object, receiving an input from a user, the input selecting the first object.

19. (New) The method of claim 6, further comprising:

receiving an input from a user, the input selecting the second object; and
responsive to having received the input, displaying the first object.

20. (New) The method of claim 18, wherein the first object comprises a hypertext link and wherein displaying the first object comprises:

determining whether a web page corresponding to the hypertext link is accessible;
responsive to having determined that the web page is accessible, presenting the web page;
and
responsive to having determined that the web page is not accessible, presenting a web page that corresponds to the hypertext link and is stored in memory.

21. (New) The method of claim 6, further comprising updating the second object.

22. (New) The method of claim 21, wherein updating the second object comprises:

capturing a new image of the first object; and
replacing, within the second object, the image with the new image.

23. (New) The method of claim 21, wherein updating the second object comprises:

determining a new reference to the first object; and

replacing, within the second object, the reference with the new reference.

24. (New) The method of claim 21, wherein updating the second object comprises:

determining whether the first object has changed; and

responsive to having determined that the first object has changed, updating the second object.

25. (New) An apparatus for creating a representation of a first object, the first object associated with a first software application, the apparatus comprising:

an image capture module configured to capture an image of the first object;

a reference determination module configured to determine a reference to the first object;

and

an object creation module coupled for communication with the image capture module and the reference determination module, the object creation module configured to create a second object, the second object associated with a second software application, the second object comprising the captured image and the determined reference.

26. (New) The apparatus of claim 25, wherein the image capture module is further configured to capture the image of the first object as displayed in the first software application.

27. (New) The apparatus of claim 26, wherein the image capture module is further configured to capture a screen shot of the first object as displayed in the first software application.

28. (New) The apparatus of claim 25, wherein the first object represents a sound and wherein the image capture module is further configured to generate a waveform for the sound represented by the first object.

29. (New) The apparatus of claim 25, wherein the first object represents a plurality of images and wherein the image capture module is further configured to capture one of the plurality of images represented by the first object.

30. (New) The apparatus of claim 25, wherein the first object represents a web page and wherein the reference determination module is further configured to determine a Uniform Resource Locator (URL) of the web page.

31. (New) The apparatus of claim 25, wherein the first object represents a message and wherein the reference determination module is further configured to determine a pointer to the message in a messaging system.

32. (New) The apparatus of claim 25, wherein the first object comprises a hypertext link and wherein the image capture module is further configured to capture an image of a web page corresponding to the hypertext link.

33. (New) The apparatus of claim 32, further comprising a storage module configured to store the web page in a memory, the storage module coupled to the object creation module and the memory.

34. (New) The apparatus of claim 32, wherein the image capture module is further configured to capture a screen shot of the web page as displayed in a web browser.

35. (New) The apparatus of claim 25, further comprising a storage module configured to store the first object in a memory, the storage module coupled for communication with the object creation module, and wherein the reference determination module is further configured to produce a pointer to the first object in the memory, the reference determination module coupled to the memory.

36. (New) The apparatus of claim 25, further comprising a user input module configured to receive an input from a user, the input selecting the first object, the user input module coupled to the objection creation module.